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OUTLIVES HIM.

He has passed, his requiem has been sung, his place in the affairs of the world has been filled and, like many a great man's, the name of Hon. Wm. L. Wilson will soon be a memory only. There are some of our people who had the good fortune to know him, and few ever came in contact with him but felt the better for having known him. We have with us on the lower Rappahannock a monument to his generosity and foresight, one that is now fully established and promises to continue to be of benefit to our people. We refer to the mail route between points this side of the Rappahannock and Urbana, being supplied by the little steamer Owen Dillard. Previous to the establishment of this route all mail from Richmond, and Virginia at large, whose destination was the lower Northern Neck, was required to be sent via Baltimore, Md. This section was virtually cut off from all communication with the rest of the State. Richmond and Norfolk papers were usually from 45 to 60 hours old when we received them.

While Postmaster-general of the United States Mr. Wilson visited this section upon several occasions, and his perception and kindness did the rest. Time and again we had endeavored to get better communication with the rest of the State, but what with the red-tape and a general disinclination to venture upon such an apparently unimportant and expensive scheme all efforts failed to influence government officials. A personal call upon Mr. Wilson in his office at Washington by a citizen here was all that was necessary to institute the movement. The application was taken and without sending it through the regular and tedious channels the Postmaster-general endorsed it and sent it to the proper department, with instructions to put the matter through.

Two weeks later the first mail from White Stone, Irvington, Weems and Millenbeck upon the new route started. If we recall correctly it consisted of two lone letters, and for a week or so the indications were that the route, as far as a dispenser of much mail was concerned, would be a failure. It was not for long, however, and to-day six or eight sacks, and sometimes more, are required to accommodate the service. If the intervening star-routes do their duty letters and papers leaving Richmond daily at 5 a. m. are received the same day or night through most of Lancaster county and at the county seat of Northumberland—the latter being served by a subsequent extension of the steamer route to Merry Point and the inauguration of a land route. Upon certain days mail from the North is scheduled via Richmond to us over this route and reaches us quicker than it could do when awaiting departure of steamers from Baltimore. We will not soon forget what a boon it was to us two years ago when the river and bay were blocked with ice and two wagon loads of belated mail, brought from West Point, were distributed throughout the Northern Neck by the little Owen Dillard.

As we have said, we believe the route is permanently established. We would like to see just such another route running from Urbana or Bowlers to points higher up the Northern Neck, feeling positive that it would be as much a success as the one we are discussing. We have made efforts in behalf of such a route but—well, Wm. L. Wilson is not at the helm, and there is little hope of early success. Nevertheless efforts on this line will be continued and at some day success may crown the effort.

ONE of the most horrible of cruelties was practised in Colorado last week when a negro youth was burned at the stake for the assault and murder of a little girl. He was coolly and quietly taken from the authorities by a mob said to be composed of the best citizens. The fire was renewed again and again until every vestige of the unfortunate victim was consumed. So thoroughly was the fiendish work done that the coroner could find no remains over which to hold an inquest. It is

stated that the women voted as a unit for burning. A movement to reinstate capital punishment in the statutes of Colorado has received an impetus from the murder and lynching.

This most barbarous deed of West-erners but shows that human nature is the same without respect to section.

IT WAS too provoking—and ever thus—the daily papers from Richmond on the day after the election should get hung up on the pesky star-route between West Point and Urbana. Residents in this lower Rappahannock section had to wait until the Baltimore papers arrived Thursday morning before learning the details of the elections. During last week the same trouble occurred several times on this mail route. The fault probably lies at West Point. This end of the route, served by the Owen Dillard, never fails in its duty.

It is questionable whether or not any prominent American is held in higher esteem than Hon. David B. Hill, of New York. As a member of the U. S. Senate he was a power in that august body. He is a man of stamina and nerve, true to the right as he conceives it to be. In party disputes he has been steadfast to his convictions and bold in announcing them. His growing popularity is indisputable evidence that he is admired and esteemed by hosts of true Americans.

LAST week we mentioned that Frederickburg and Urbana were striving for Farmers' Institutes. It seems that there is quite a sentiment on this side of the river for one to be held in the Northern Neck, preferably at Kilmarnock. By all means let us have one. Lancaster does not usually lag behind, and we feel sure that it will do the proper thing by a Farmers' Institute if the Board of Agriculture will condescend to open one here.

Now the Democratic party can have an operation performed for its political appendix. —*Richmond News.*

Just rest awhile. The appendix is sloughing off and the patient will soon begin to convalesce.

Democratic candidates for the Urbana post-office have grounded arms.—*Shelton Sentinel.*

Yes, and the party, viewed from a Democratic standpoint, has grounded the hope of the nation.

IS THE earth soon to lose its savor? The Salt Trust has put the price up from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per 100 pounds, with prospects of a higher ascent.

QUITE funny reading that, where in Hawaii the blacks, as an independent party, defeated the whites, or Republican party.

A MAGAZINE writer says the White House is rickety. Very much more of Hanna will shake the foundations of the Republic too.

THE RAPPAHANNOCK TRADE.

In our last issue we called attention to the importance of establishing quicker and more convenient communication with the Rappahannock valley, so as to be able to secure our just proportion of the trade of that section. We are informed that several of our merchants have traveling men in this section, but the business has not been altogether satisfactory. This is comparatively a new field. There are no railroads, few banks and, of course, no convenience in delivering goods when sold. It might be termed undesirable trade, but if these rural merchants were regularly solicited and given first class trade facilities we would not only sell them manufactured goods, but would buy their raw materials. It is said that most of the trade goes to Baltimore. This is so because Baltimore has better transportation and buys all the farm products of the section. We have always believed that it would pay Norfolk to cultivate this section. Efforts should be made to have the steamer Essex go all the way to Frederickburg. —*Norfolk Journal of Commerce.*

We are glad to be able to state that the schedule referred to has been put into operation by President Williams. The steamer Essex now goes through to Frederickburg and we hope the schedule may be made permanent.

Among the Various Fisheries. The annual report of the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries says that investigations designed to give practical assistance to the oyster industry have been carried on. The results of the experiments in fattening oysters by increasing the productiveness in enclosed waters of their natural food have given much encouragement.

It is somewhat surprising to learn that over the greater part of the New England coast the supply of clams has almost wholly failed.

The Five Richest Men.

The five richest men in the United States, from the latest quotations given, is as follows: J. D. Rockefeller, \$400,000,000; Carnegie, \$316,240,000; Vanderbilt, \$116,000,000; Wm. Rockefeller, \$105,000,000 and Wm. Waldorf Astor, \$120,000,

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Gov. Tyler is of the opinion that the work of the extra session, constitutional convention and special elections will be considerable. He places the extra session at \$50,000, special election at \$15,000, and the convention, if it should last many months, at about \$200,000. He is not over-careful of the new constitution will meet with overwhelming popular favor if it be constructed on the lines generally discussed, embracing the reduction of officers, modifying some of the provisions of the oyster laws on tonging and natural rocks, and election of some of the judges. One of the most interesting questions the Constitutional Convention will have to consider will be the separation of the school taxes paid by the two races.

The Legislature is expected to do more. More or less general legislation will undoubtedly be enacted. It has been frequently noted that every member has a hobby, or, at least, some special subject upon which he desires legislation. Several members of the present Legislature have these subjects, and there is little doubt that they will seek to have them considered. It has been stated authoritatively that an effort will be made to secure the enactment of the commissioner of valuations bill, which was apparently passed by the last Legislature, but was defeated unconstitutionally by the Supreme Court of Appeals. Under the Constitution, the members will receive pay only for a session of forty-five days. However, the session may last ninety days.

The present House of Delegates' appointment would, we think, afford a good basis for representation in the constitutional convention; but there is a widespread wish that several delegates should be elected for the State at large—say, seven, eight, or nine. We do not say "ten," for the simple reason that that number would be equivalent to having one from each congressional district, which, we take it, is not the object aimed at.

The obstacle in the way of having delegates from the State at large is that the Democrats would have to hold a State convention to make nominations. —*Richmond Dispatch.*

THE PRIMARY SYSTEM.

There is a growing sentiment in the State in favor of the Constitutional Convention adopting a primary system similar to that of South Carolina, requiring candidates in any party to hold primaries for all offices, from United States senator down to county constables.

It has long been thought that the rank and file of the Democratic party favored such a reform and its friends are likely to endeavor to incorporate it in the new Constitution.

Many of those who "speak the language of the tribe" are said to fail to see the necessity for the change, and thereon may hang a big fight over the proposition when the body meets.

There is a strong probability that a great fight will take place in the Convention over reorganizing the judiciary of the State, and it looks like the county judgeships may be abolished and the duties placed upon the Circuit judges.

It is also probable that the positions of treasurer and sheriff, in the several counties may be consolidated. —*Richmond Times.*

CONVENTION SUGGESTIONS.

If all the people who want amendments to the State Constitution are invited to the convention will be in session a year. You can't get the kind of men you want as delegates to leave their business indefinitely. Have it understood that there is to be a long sitting and you will get a lot of delegates whom a couple of dollars a day will pay for their time, and a sweet smell will be the aphorism of it will be a patchwork of the things they will reject at the polls and a lot of money spent and gone for wind. Remember that to have any constitution adopted it must be one on which the whole voters will unite. A constitution "counted in" would be subject to being upset by the courts.

Pick the very best men in every county representing all the county's interests. Let there be a fair sprinkling of lawyers of knowledge and character. Do not send any man because he can make a flowery speech or has a pull with the boys. The silver-tongued business and the more hard common sense and faithful work we have in the convention the better. Let the favorite son with his flashing eye and scathing tools go and do his stunts in the courthouse or at the academy or somewhere else. Let the place where there is serious business to be done; not in our venerable fellow-citizen who is kin to one-half the county by marriage and the other by blood and to whom a job in Richmond would be acceptable.

Pick the best and shrewdest and soundest. Let no one come here determined to do the one or two things immediately and urgently needed, to do them as quickly and thoroughly as possible and to frame a constitution which will appeal directly to the common sense and interests of the people. —*Richmond News.*

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 19th, 1900.
How Democrats in Congress feel toward the proposition to reduce Southern representation in Congress and in the electoral college, which is being urged by quite a number of Republicans, may be judged from the remarks of Senator Money: "If an attempt is made to reduce Congressional representation from the South, I, for one, will be willing to talk from the 3rd day of December to noon on the 4th day of March. And it won't be wind, either. It will be a speech worth listening to. I have been preparing for this fight for sometime. If the Republicans attempt that reduction, they might as well prepare for an extra session of Congress. They will not pass their shipping bill, nor, indeed, anything else in the way of legislation." Every Democratic Senator and Representative, who has been in Washington, holds practically the same sentiments that Senator Money expressed. Leading Republicans, who see danger in the matter, are trying to stop the talk among the small fry about forcing this sort of legislation through Congress by reminding them of the Republican defeat which followed the attempts to jam the notorious Force bill through Congress.

It seems that the public is not to be allowed to get on the inside of whatever crookedness there has been in handling Cuban money, in addition to the known stealings of the Neely gang, if the Senate Committee on the subject with Cuba, or rather the Republican members of the committee, can prevent it, even when there is no campaign going on to be affected. It was known, and stated in this paper, when the Senate ordered this investigation to be made, that the committee would make no pretense even of seeing until after the election, but it was not believed that the committee would decline to act at all. Yet, that is what many are now saying and the talk seems to be justified. The Committee held a secret meeting, after which Senator Platt, of Conn., its Chairman, read to the committee the call of the newspaper men, waiting outside the committee room, to read any of the information furnished by the War Department on the expenditures and receipts in Cuba, on the ground that the information was "not complete." The committee had the call of the chairman and that he didn't know when there would be another meeting.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The work of the Annual Virginia Methodist Conference, which has been in session in Norfolk for the past week, closes to-day (Friday). This has been one of its most successful sessions.

An interesting feature of the Conference was a highly humorous address made by Rev. Wm. H. Atwill, of Ashland. The occasion for it was the calling of Rev. Mr. Atwill's name in the session of the conference by the Bishop, by the name of the Bishop to that of his work during last year, and he took as his text, "Ashland as the Hub of the Virginia Conference"—something of the order of Proctor Knott's famous speech in Congress on "Duluth as the Hub of the United States," except that Mr. Atwill's praise of Ashland was more in earnest in the matter of compliment to "the hub" than was the distinguished Congressman's.

Just after Mr. Atwill began, the Bishop began to ask him to explain what he meant by "the hub." The speaker brought down the house by saying to the presiding officer of the Conference, "Bishop, I decline to be disturbed in my remarks." His flow of humor continued for considerable length. When the name of the conference was called, the Bishop was called the Bishop of the conference, and the pastor sat down at the end of a drawn battle. Bishop Duncan said after the pastor sat down, "I am thankful we are yet alive."

VIOLENT LANGUAGE.

Dr. Cannon's violent language in replying to the request of Rev. J. Sidney Peters, who asked for certain information which he wanted regarding the disposition of the twentieth century fund collected by the Board of Education, of which Dr. Cannon is secretary, shocked those who heard it.

Dr. Cannon replying to Mr. Peters said: "I have never misappropriated any money entrusted to me or made any lying statements."

After the report was read Rev. James Sidney Peters said that Dr. Cannon, in his report, did not show in detail what amount of cash had come into his hands.

He was answered by Dr. Cannon, who said that he had eleven large books showing this and as it appears that the ability of the board to keep track of the collection and disbursement of the funds was questioned he moved that Dr. Peters be appointed a committee of one to do this.

Brother Peters said he did not think that Dr. Cannon would misappropriate any money or make a lying statement and he did not believe any person would make a statement so untrue as that Dr. Cannon evidently construed it.

Dr. Cannon's report shows that \$74,151.37 has been subscribed to the Twentieth Century fund.

HOWLING GREEN SEMINARY MATTER.

Rev. Asbury Christian, chairman of the special committee appointed at the last session of the conference to consider the question of accepting the gift of the Bowling Green Seminary by the conference, submitted majority and minority reports. These reports created much discussion and the Bishop said he could not pass upon the question without time to consider it.

THE RIDDICK CASE.

The case of Dr. Riddick, the preacher-murderer now in the penitentiary, was disposed of. When the case was reached on the roll his presiding elder, Rev. R. T. Wilson, arose and stated that last August the parchments of Riddick were handed him by his father without condition.

There was an instant solemn hush of expectancy, which was broken by the Bishop's grave sentence: "No longer a member of our Church, and a member of this body. Call the next name."

ROBBERY IN BALTIMORE.

In broad daylight and while crowds were passing his place, within two squares of the police headquarters and a square and a half from the Central Police Station, Mr. Alexander J. Hubbard, a sensible manufacturer, jeweler and diamond setter, was choked, brutally beaten, gagged and bound hands and feet and left prostrate in his little shop, in the basement of 13 North Street, about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by two thieves, who afterward cleared the place of jewelry and diamonds valued at more than \$4,000, dumped it into a satchel and left as coolly as though they had only been there to make a purchase.

Mr. Hubbard reached his place of business about 8 o'clock in the morning, as usual, and was seated in a chair in the corner of the small room reading when two young men entered. One handed him a diamond earring, asking him to examine it. Mr. Hubbard took the diamond, sat down at his work bench in the front of the room, before the only window in it, and started to make the examination. He found the diamond very dirty and went to a washstand in the rear of the room to cleanse it.

Just as Mr. Hubbard had washed the jewel the largest man grabbed him by the throat and clenched so tightly that Mr. Hubbard could not break the hold or make an outcry. While one stinger held him as a vice the other pulled a revolver and beat him over the head with the butt end. At the same time the man holding him struck him repeatedly with a billy. They pressed him to the floor, jammed a plain cotton handkerchief tightly into his mouth and bound his hands and legs with thin but strong new rope. The robbers securely bound him they collected the plunder and made their escape.

Three young men have been arrested on suspicion.

PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION.

The fact that the Republican party is the author and protector of trusts was strikingly exemplified on the stock exchange Monday when the price of all trust stock advanced in an extraordinary manner, proving conclusively that unlawful aggregations of wealth confidently expect to have a walk-over during the next four years, at least. Standard Oil Stock has advanced one hundred points in ten days; Federal Steel, quoted at 30 before the election, reached 51 Monday; Pullman stock advanced seven points; American Ice gained 31; Amalgamated Copper advanced 23; and the death, actually advanced from 92 to 96. Figures speak plainer

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than words. Had Bryan been elected there would have been a corresponding depression in every trust stock on the exchange. —*Newport News Press.*

The National Salt Company has put up the price of common table salt to \$2.50 per 100 pounds. The price before was \$1.50 per 100 for the same grade. The National Salt Company controls directly 95 per cent of the salt output of the country, and is able indirectly to dominate the remaining 5 per cent of the production. The day following the election Standard Oil Stock went up to \$700 a share and the company declared a dividend of 10 per cent, making a total in dividends this year of 48 per cent, or \$336 on each share, which was originally valued at and cost \$100. Several millions of dollars will be paid stock holders on the 10 per cent dividend just declared.

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